

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF
SEMCO ENERGY, INC.
CASE NO. U-18452**

- SEMCO Energy, Inc. requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval for accounting approval of depreciation rates.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write SEMCO Energy Gas Company, 1411 Third Street, Suite A, Port Huron, Michigan 48060, (800) 624-2019 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of SEMCO Energy, Inc.
- A public hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge **Lauren G. Van Steel**

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider SEMCO Energy, Inc.'s (SEMCO Gas) September 25, 2017 application requesting approval of its proposed depreciation rates for financial accounting purposes and reflecting those depreciation rates in general service rates coincident with the effective date of new general service rates approved in its next general rate case. SEMCO Gas is proposing depreciation rates that would result in a \$1,903,662 annual increase in depreciation expense as compared to its adjusted year-end 2016 balances.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by October 31, 2017. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon SEMCO Energy, Inc.'s attorney, Sherri A. Wellman, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, PLC, One Michigan Ave., Ste. 900, Lansing, MI 48933.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of SEMCO Energy, Inc.'s request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of SEMCO Energy, Inc. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10101 through R 792.10137, and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

October 9, 2017



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

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October 9, 2017
Case No. U-18452

Sherri A. Wellman
Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, PLC
One Michigan Ave., Ste. 900
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Wellman:

SEMCO Energy, Inc. shall mail, by Tuesday, October 24, 2017, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties in its Michigan natural gas service area, and to intervenors in Case Number U-16849. Proof of service shall be filed by the prehearing conference on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

SEMCO Energy, Inc. shall cause the enclosed notice of hearing to be published, by Tuesday, October 24, 2017, in daily newspapers of general circulation in its Michigan natural gas service area. Publishing requirements and a copy of the publishing format are enclosed. Affidavits of publication shall be filed by the prehearing conference on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

SEMCO Energy, Inc. shall, by Tuesday, November 7, 2017, serve upon each person who has petitioned to intervene a copy of the written direct testimony of its proposed witnesses and the proposed exhibits as filed with the Commission. Proof of service shall be filed with the Commission by Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Sincerely,

Kavita Kale
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

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